

XA-9308B PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi YABE et al.

Appln. No.: 10/643,977

Group Art Unit:

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: G. Binda

For: DAMPER APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by three months. required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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